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SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING, MARCH 30

REF A. THE HAGUE 1550; B. BRUSSELS 1811 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: FRG FONOFF REPORTING CABLE (PROTECT FULLV)

CLOSELY FOLLOWED EMBASSY THE HAGUE'S REFTEL REPORT OF

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MARCH 30 POLITICAL COMMITTEE (PC) MEETING, WHICH FOCUSED ON DAVIGNON- II REPORT. FONOFF REP ALSO DESCRIBED FRG VIEWS ON PC APPROACH TO US/ EUROPEAN RELATIONS. INFO SUPPLEMENTARY TO REFTEL FOLLOWS; MBFR AND CSCE ASPECTS COVERED BY SEPTTEL. END SUMMARY.

1. SECOND DAVIGNON REPORT: FORMAT. PC DECISION SHEET SAYS DAVIGNON- II REPORT WILL CONTAIN TWO PARTS-- GENERAL POLITICAL EVALUATION OF FUNCTIONING OF POLITICAL COOPERATION TO DATE AND PROPOSED WAYS AND MEANS TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY OF PC OPERATIONS. BUT FOR REASONS INDICATED REF A PARA 2, THE FIRST PART WILL BE KEPT RATHER STRAIGHTFORWARD AND A MORE DETAILED EVALUATION OF PC OPERATIONS TO DATE WILL BE CONTAINED IN A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT THAT WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED TO GOVERNMENT CHIEFS JUNE 30 ALONG WITH OVERALL REPORT; RATHER, CONFIDENTIAL EVALUATION WILL BE USED TO AID PC IN PREPARING DAVIGNON- II REPORT ITSELF. PC PRESIDENCY (BELGIUM) HAS BEEN CHARGED, IN LIGHT OF PC DISCUSSION TO DATE, TO SUBMIT A DRAFT OF DAVIGNON- II REPORT WITH CONFIDENTIAL EVALUATION AS ANNEX FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT PC MEETING. THE GROUP OF CORRESPONDENTS (FONOFF EC POLITICAL INTEGRATION CHIEFS) WILL PREPARE THE PORTION OF REPORT CONCERNING ROLE OF EC-9 AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED TO THIRD COUNTRIES OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE PC ALSO WILL EXAMINE A BELGIAN DOCUMENT ON " ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN EXERCISING THE PRESIDENCY; (THIS LATTER DOCUMENT SEEMS TO BE AIMED AT MAKING A CASE FOR SOME TYPE OF SECRETARIAT). AND THE ITALIAN DEL WILL SUBMIT FOR MAY 24 PC MEETING A PROPOSED TEXT CONCERNING " ENGAGEMENTS TO BE TAKEN BY MEMBER STATES TO IMPROVE POLITICAL COOPERATION"; FONOFF REP TOLD US THIS PURPOSELY VAGUE DECISION SHEET REFERENCE WAS TO ITALIAN PROPOSAL THAT EC-9 ACCEPT COMPULSORY OBLIGATION TO CONSULT BEFORE TAKING DECISIONS ON IMPORTANT POLITICAL MATTERS (SEE ALSO REF A PARA 3).

2. DAVIGNON- II SUBSTANCE. FRG CABLE INDICATES BROAD AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THAT OF FRANCE, THAT REGIONAL WORKING GROUPS ALSO WILL BE CREATED FOR LATIN AMERICA
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AND AFRICA. WHILE FRG AND OTHERS BELIEVE IT WILL NOT

BE POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON POL SECRETARIAT, THERE
REMAINS BROAD AGREEMENT THAT SOMETHING WILL HAVE TO
BE DONE TO ASSIST SMALLER COUNTRIES WHO ARE IN THE PC
CHAIR. AS A RESULT, BELGIANS AND GERMANS PROPOSED THAT
DAVIGNON- II REPORT CONSIDER WAYS AND MEANS OF " DIVISION
OF LABOR". IN PARTICULAR, IT WAS PROPOSED THAT A KIND
OF " ERSATZ (SUBSTITUTE) SECRETARIAT" MIGHT BE
ESTABLISHED IN THE FOLLOWING WAY. FOR EXAMPLE, PC
PRESIDENT (DANE' S STARTING JULY) COULD ASK EACH MEMBER
STATE EMBASSY IN COPENHAGEN TO APPOINT ONE EMBOFF TO
ASSIST DANISH FONOFF IN ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS WHICH
PRESIDENCY MUST PERFORM FOR PC. FURTHER, IN CASE OF
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES SUCH AS SECOND (COMMITTEE)
PHASE OF CSCE, EACH PC MEMBER STATE COULD APPOINT
EMBOFF AT SITE OF CSCE ACTIVITIES TO ASSIST IN
ADMINISTRATIVE CHORES RELATED TO EC-9 CAUCUS. FONOFF
REP SAID FRENCH RAISED NO OBJECTION TO THIS KIND OF
" ROLLING SECRETARIAT" CONCEPT. FONOFF REP ADDED,
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CONCERNING POLITICAL SECRETARIAT, THAT FRG PROBABLY
WOULD BE PREARED TO AGREE TO LUXEMBOURG SITE FOR
FULL FLEDGED POLITICAL SECRETARIAT SHOULD SUCH A
COMPROMISE BE ACCEPTABLE TO OTHER PC MEMBER STATES.

3. DAVIGNON- II PC/ EC INTERACTION. IN RESPONSE TO
BRITISH PAPER, ISSUE OF TWO WAY PC/ EC INTERACTION WAS
DISCUSSED ALONG LINES REPORTED REF A PARA ONE. GERMAN
REPORT SAYS FRENCH AND DANISH PREFER NOT TO DEPART
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FROM PROCEDURE FOLLOWED TO DATE WHILE OTHER PC REPS
PREFER PRAGMATIC CASE BY CASE APPROACH. BUT FONOFF
REPS MADE CLEAR TO EMBOFF THAT TWO WAY INTERACTION
PROPOSED BY BRITISH WOULD GO BEYOND CURRENT PROCEDURES
SINCE, AT INSISTENCE OF FRENCH, EC-9 SO FAR HAVE
INTERPRETED PARIS SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE ARTICLE 14 TO
PERMIT PC TO SEEK EC ADVICE BUT NOT VICE- VERSA; FONOFF
REP INDICATED THAT FRENCH CONTINUE TO OPPOSE TWO WAY
INTERACTION BETWEEN ORGANS OF COMMUNITY AND INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE OPERATION.

4. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. PC GAVE GROUP OF
CORRESPONDENTS MANDATE TO PREPARE STUDY FOR MAY 24 PC
MEETING ON HOW BEST TO COORDINATE PROCEDURES FOR
CANDIDATURES OF OFFICIALS FROM MEMBER STATES TO SEATS
OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. STUDY WILL INCLUDE
PROCEDURES TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON CANDIDATURES TO
" POSTS OF HIGH ADMINISTRATION" IN IO' S. DUTCH REP
INDICATED THAT GERMANS AND DUTCH WOULD PROPOSE
CANDIDATES FOR POSITION OF GENERAL SECRETARY TO IMCO.

5. OTHER TOPICS. FONOFF CABLE CONFIRMED REF A REPORT
ON PC COLLOQUIA WITH EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (PARA 4),
MEMBER STATES ATTITUDES TOWARD NORTH KOREAN
APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP (PARA 5) AND REGARDING PC
MEMBERSHIP ON LIMITED COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BE CREATED
MAY 14 BY MINISTERS OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE FOR PURPOSE

OF PREPARING REPORT ON COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S FUTURE.

6. US/ EUROPEAN RELATIONS. DUE TO PRESS OF TIME, THIS
SUBJECT WAS NOT DISCUSSED AT MARCH 30 PC MEETING.
BUT FONOFF REP TOLD OS GERMANS MAY SUGGEST AT PC
JUNE 5 FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING THAT BEST PROCEDURAL
METHOD TO GET A COMMON VIEW OF US/ EUROPEAN RELATIONS
WOULD BE TO ASSIGN TASK TO PC AND EC PERM REPS MEETING
TOGETHER IN COMMON SESSION.
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